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Dear Paul,

I have sent Oreste a copy of CD 128, page 41.

Something happened that turned him off. I suspect I know what it is. After I started getting worthwhile information from him, Mark tried to cut in on me. He never did any work in N.O. and I suspect he may have been sent. Pena threw him out. No one but Pena mentioned this to me.

When Hall was there, which was just before my last trip, he also went to see Oreste. I think he also was sent. Oreste is an intelligent man. He is subject to moods, but he really was a very good friend to me and was very helpful. He would have seen through Hall.

Last time I was there, I went to see him as soon as I could, which was very soon. He cut me cold and gave me an impertinent message for Jim. By now I hope he knows this was unjustified.

If you have anything else that refers to him, I'd like to have it. Regardless of what he now thinks or does, he will eventually be helpful again because he will never stand for the pressures the other side applies. He also knows an amazing number of people in New Orleans and much about their private lives. I have never found him untruthful. He also is a man of courage.

Regardless of whether he answers or how, I will send him whatever I get that relates to him.

When I am out there, one of the things of which you must remind me to brief you is what he told me, what he led me to, what I learned that way. It is quite significant and is not isolated, does not stand alone.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg